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1. SUMMARY: GURC ABSTENTION ON KOREAN ISSUE CANNOT BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED, BUT WE ARE GUARDEDLY HOPEFUL THAT THIS WILL RESULT IF THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL DIVISION AMONG AFRICAN UN MEMBERS ON TWO RESOLUTIONS.

2. I DISCUSSED KOREAN ISSUE NOV. 26 WITH PRESIDENCY ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL SENGAT KUO. BELIEVE HE IS PROBABLY MOST INFLUENTIAL ADVISOR TO PRESIDENT ON ISSUES OF THIS KIND AND WE AND KOREANS HAVE HAD PERIODIC DISCUSSIONS WITH HIM DURING PAST TWO YEARS.

3. SENGAT KUO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT POSITION ON KOREAN PROBLEM ADOPTED AT SUMMIT CONFERENCE OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES IN ALGERIA (SEPT. 1973) AND FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES BY BUREAU OF THAT BODY HAVE BEARING ON GURC ATTITUDE. FONMIN EFON'S STATEMENT ON KOREA DURING RECENT UNGA GENERAL DEBATE WAS REFLECT-
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ION OF THIS. IT WOULD BE MOST DIFFICULT, HE ASSERTED, FOR

GURC TO TAKE STEP OF VOTING AGAINST HOSTILE KOREAN RESOLUTION.

4. IN EXPLAINING NON-ALIGNED ATTITUDE TOWARDS UNC (WITHOUT SAYING GURC FULLY SHARED IT), SENGAT KUO SPOKE OF LACK OF PROGRESS IN NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE, FOR WHICH EACH SIDE BLAMES THE OTHER. FEELING AT ALGIERS CONFERENCE WAS THAT FOREIGN INFLUENCES PRESENT IN KOREA MAY WELL ACCOUNT FOR OBDURACY OF PARTICIPANTS. IF THOSE INFLUENCES WERE NOT THERE, PRESSURES ON THE TWO SIDES TO REACH AGREEMENT WOULD BE STRONGER. AT SAME TIME SENGAT KUO SOMEWHAT INCONSISTENTLY, BUT CONSISTENT WITH STATEMENTS MADE ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS, SAID THAT PRESENCE OF US TROOPS IN SOUTH KOREA UNDER BILATERAL AGREEMENT WAS A PURELY SOUTH KOREAN MATTER. GURC COULD NOT OBJECT IF SOUTH KOREA FELT THESE TROOPS WERE NEEDED FOR ITS SECURITY.

5. I REITERATED IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING UNC UNTIL VIABLE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS MADE TO MAINTAIN THE ARMISTICE AND GUARANTEE PEACE AND SECURITY IN KOREAN PENINSULA, AND CITED TUNNEL CASE AS EXAMPLE OF IMPORTANCE OF ARMISTICE MACHINERY TO HEAD OFF SERIOUS BLOW-UPS. THERE WERE ALREADY TOO MANY AREAS OF INSTABILITY IN THE WORLD. NOW WAS NOT THE TIME TO ADD TO THE RISKS.

6. RE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE DECISIONS, I EXPRESSED US CONCERN OVER CONSEQUENCES OF GROWING TENDENCY ON PART OF PARTICIPANTS TO FEEL BOUND BY THESE DECISIONS, MOST OF WHICH REACHED BY CONSENSUS. WE WOULD HOPE FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS WOULD CONSIDER ISSUES SUCH AS KOREAN ISSUE ON THEIR MERITS. SOME NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES, I UNDERSTOOD, WERE PLANNING TO ABSTAIN ON HOSTILE RESOLUTION AND OTHERS WERE PLANNING TO VOTE AGAINST. MY CLOSING PLEA WAS THAT GURC GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO USG VIEWS. WE WOULD HOPE THAT GURC WOULD AT LEAST ABSTAIN ON BOTH RESOLUTIONS.

7. SENGAT KUO READILY AGREED MY DEMARCHE WOULD BE STUDIED WITH FONOFF. GURC'S POSITION WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE INFLUENCED AS WELL BY ATTITUDES OF OTHER AFRICAN UN MEMBERS AS THESE EMERGE IN NEW YORK MEETINGS.

8. AS FONMIN EFON HAS BEEN INDISPOSED AND AWAY FROM MINISTRY,
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WE ARE ENDEAVORING SEE FONOFF'S DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO MAKE SIMILAR DEMARCHE.

9. COMMENT: GURC SLIDE AWAY FROM GENERALLY HELPFUL POSITION ON KOREA IS DISTURBING. AREA STABILITY ARGUMENT IS PROBABLY MOST TELLING. WE REMAIN GUARDEDLY HOPEFUL, IF THERE SUFFICIENT LACK OF UNANIMITY ON PART OTHER AFRICAN NON-ALIGNED, THAT GURC WILL END UP ABSTAINING ON BOTH RESOLUTIONS.

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